



Tillman Military Scholars

The Pat Tillman Foundation invests in veterans and military families through education and community. The Tillman Military Scholars program supports our nation's active and veteran servicemembers and their families by removing financial barriers to completing a degree program of choice. The scholarships cover not only direct study-related expenses such as tuition and fees, but also other needs, including housing and child care.

To date, 111 Tillman Military Scholars representing 28 states and attending 46 institutions nationwide have been awarded over \$1.3 million. These scholarship funds are just a portion of the Tillman Military Scholar experience which also focuses on guiding an engaged community and providing essential resources that enable Scholars to serve and lead in their local communities.

Who is **eligible** to apply to become a Tillman Military Scholar?

- Veteran and active servicemembers of both pre- and post-9/11 service
- Servicemembers who wish to start, finish or further their education
 - Those enrolled as a full-time student at an American institution of higher learning
 - Those whose benefits have expired or do not meet their needs
- Servicemembers of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve
- Servicemembers pursuing undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate, 2-year, 4-year, public, private, vocational and trade degrees or certifications
- Dependents of servicemembers (children between the ages of 19 and 28 and spouses)
 - Those whose benefits are insufficient or not transferable from their mother/father/husband/wife
 - Those who are survivors of a servicemember

What **criteria** will be considered for selecting Tillman Military Scholars?

- Unmet financial need
- Educational and career ambitions
- Record of personal achievement
- Compelling, thoughtful, genuine and thorough essay question responses
- Demonstration of service to others in the community and a desire to continue such service

Annual renewability will be considered for most scholarships based on expected graduation date, proof of full-time student status, minimum GPA earned, Tillman Community engagement and documented participation in civic action or community service. Additionally, scholarship funding can only be used toward a single degree or certification.

Documents required

To complete the application, the following documents will need to be uploaded:

- Documentation of military service (DD214 (separation documents), Officer Record Brief, Enlistment Record Brief, Basic Individual Record, NGB 23, Unit Move Orders or other documentation verifying military service)
- Résumé (including education, work, public service history, recognitions and awards earned)
- Three (3) essay question responses (to be inserted into the online application)

In addition to the documents requested above, semifinalists will need to provide the following documents:

- Financial aid award letter from institution for 2011-2012
- 2011-2012 Student Aid Report (SAR) pages 1 & 4, summary from the FAFSA website
- Photo highlighting your or your family member's military service

The online application will open on March 7, 2011 at www.pattillmanfoundation.org.

A **limited** number of applications will be accepted. Prepare your application now and be ready to apply early.

For more information, please contact scholarships@pattillmanfoundation.org.